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AN APPRECIATION

One of life's greatest blessings is the knowledge that what we are and what we do is found to be good in the eyes of our fellows. Unfortunately, it is also true that full expression of approval and appreciation of worth and character are so often withheld until it is, apparently, too late.

Spiritualism gives us the consolation of knowing, however, that the saying of "We thank you" and "Well done" can be known and appreciated by those who have passed from our mortal sight and association, even if we have failed to grasp the opportunities of showing our thanks and approval whilst they were with us here on Earth.

So, it is with true sincerity and with emotion rendered deeper by our sense of loss that we hail this opportunity of paying our tribute to the memory of our arisen friend and colleague, Mrs. Lillie George.

Our Movement can look back and we recall the names and deeds of many stalwart workers who have served us faithfully and well.

Their service and example have inspired others to take up the work and endeavour to keep the Lyceum Movement worthy of their efforts. Their places have been hard to fill.

Seldom, however, if ever, has the Union been faced with the task of filling the place vacated by one so versatile and capable in all the qualities essential to a Lyceum worker as Mrs. George proved herself to be.

Cradled in the Lyceum; helped and encouraged by a devoted mother, herself a capable medium and earnest spiritualist, she showed from a very early age the promise of a wonderful artistic, cultured and intellectual development.

That promise was fulfilled in her later life, for she brought into the service of the Union the talents of a capable and accomplished musician; refinement of manner, speech and mind obtained from a deep reading and study of poetry and the higher literature; and an intellectual attainment which rendered her services as an educationalist almost invaluable.

A voracious reader and a keen student, especially of psychological and philosophical subjects, she had the faculty of being able to choose rapidly the most valuable and instructive passages of what she read. A perusal of her favourite volumes, with their underlined passages and marginal notes, would be, for many of us, an education in itself.

These characteristics, combined with a natural sense of neatness and love of order, together with a meticulous attention to detail, made her an ideal worker in our Movement.

On the administrative side she has filled, with credit to herself and advantage to the Movement, almost every office in Lyceum and District Council.

Joining the Management Committee in 1933 she became in succession, Secretary for the £2,000 Effort, Restoration Fund Secretary, and Education Secretary.

At the time of her passing she was, for the fifth consecutive year, Vice-President of the Union.

That the highest office of the Union was never hers was solely due to her own unselfish willingness to serve in the capacity where she considered she could, to use her own words, "Be most useful to those who needed her help."



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WHY I AM A MEDIUM

By MRS. H. J. EVERETT (Miss A. L. Sloggins)

It is always a big surprise at the close of a seance, when I open my eyes and the white lights are switched on, to see who are in my audience. At my own request I am always led into the seance room in the dark and have no previous contact with my sitters. I often find that I "entertain angels unawares." This was the case last Saturday evening in London when I found that "Uncle Bert" was present. The sight of him caused my conscience to stir rather guiltily, because I had promised this article to the Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER, and had not fulfilled it. So here goes!

I think I must have been a medium all my life, for from my earliest days I have memories of seeing fairy folk in the fire and in the dancing shadows of the firelight on the walls. It was no hardship to be put to bed at night, because after my prayers had been said and the light taken away I would close my eyes tightly and yet could see men and women, and boys and girls, who seemed just as real as myself. Sometimes they looked happy, but sometimes very sad, and I used to say little prayers to God for the sad ones that they might be made happy. I called this a pretending game, but it became just as real as my ordinary daily life, and the actors in it were as real as my brothers and sisters.

My earliest recollection of clairvoyance was at five years of age when I was sent to school. I was put into a class of children of my own age, under a teacher who was extremely sympathetic and kind. I invariably saw her surrounded by a golden haze, especially during the morning and evening hymns and prayers. She became very attached to me and I to her. In later years I learned that she was a devout Catholic. The other children would laugh and point at me because I told them of the golden light I saw, and so I early learned to keep my own council regarding things I saw that were not seen by others.

I well remember one afternoon whilst walking with my elder sister, how she commented on a child coming towards us, and I asked her which one she meant, for I could see two dressed alike in every detail. Upon telling mother, careful enquiries were made, and it was revealed that the children in question were twins, but that one had just passed into Spirit Life.

That faith and prayer are invaluable factors in the successful demonstration of mediumship will, I think, be acknowledged by most mediums. I owe the upbuilding of my faith to my mother. Often in my childhood, during the dreary winter evenings, she would draw we children around the fire, and tell us stories of dear old Billy Bray, the

Cornish Preacher, and his wonderful faith in God. Thus quite early I learned the lesson contained in those words "Then e'en from thy slender store, give, and God shall give thee more." I well remember when a child of ten years, we were visited by my aunt from New Zealand, who eventually brought me into Spiritualism. Like all good aunties she gave us some money. I straightway walked to a shop where there was a dolly in the window which I coveted very much. But the dolly was more expensive than I had thought, and so I turned away from the shop without it. I thought I would *content* myself with a ride home on the new trams. On the way to the tram stop I saw a blind man. Now I was in a difficulty for mother had taught us never to pass a poor blind man without helping him if it were in our power. So I looked at my piece of shining silver money and then gave it to him, for I knew that I could never face mother had I passed him by. So I could not have the dolly or a ride on the new tram, but on the way home I found another piece of shining silver money just the same value as the piece I had given to the blind man. But even faith as interpreted by the child mind can lead to strange and sometimes amusing incidents.

I well remember the first Spiritualist's meeting I attended. The address was delivered by a well-known medium, bearing the same Christian name as myself, since passed into Spirit Life. The subject was the development of Spiritual Gifts and the speaker stressed the importance of turning the eyes inwards, speaking of course metaphorically. But childishly I had such implicit faith in the speaker, and took her advice so literally, that mother found me one day sitting quietly alone turning my eyes inwards in the hope of developing clairvoyance. I soon found that the light I had seen round my teacher, the dancing fairy folk of the fire, and the people of my pretending games were real people after all, and that I already had the gift I coveted so much. If I were asked why I am a medium, I would simply answer that I just grew that way. But why I demonstrate mediumship is a deeper matter altogether.

During the past four years Transfiguration mediumship and its demonstration has brought me untold happiness, because it has brought evidence of survival to many and comfort and consolation. But above all it has been the means whereby many have returned and sought forgiveness from friends on earth whom they have wronged. In this is demonstrated the lesson of Compensation and Retribution, and the truth of those words that "To err is human, but to forgive is Divine."

From our Oral Grade Reader.

(The Oral Grade Reader is one of the two Handbooks which need to be studied by the Junior Grade students.) Price 7d., post free.

CREEDS versus PRINCIPLES.

The Junior Group was studying Question 30 in the Oral Grade Primer, and for some time the Leader had been trying to make plain the difference between a Creed and a Principle. The Lyceumists could easily understand that a Creed was a form of belief, or as one of them put it "something you believed in." But, in answer to question 30, they were told that "There are certain Principles in which all Spiritualists believe. And to their young minds it seemed that there could not be much difference between a Creed and a Principle, if both of them were "something you believed in." And at last young Ronnie Singleden put all their thoughts into words when he asked "Please, Leader, are our Principles a Creed?"

"Yes, Ronnie, they are—but, as the Primer says, not in the usual meaning of the word 'Creed'."

"What is the usual meaning?" asked Tommy Woods.

"The usual meaning," answered the Leader, "or rather I should say the meaning that is usually given to it, is that a Creed is something you MUST believe in."

"Didn't it always mean that?" asked Ronnie.

"I don't think it did," replied the Leader. "In the early days of Christianity, when a Christian was asked what he believed in, he would be sure to give what we would call the Principles of Christianity, and begin the list with the words 'I believe,' telling whoever asked him what he believed to be true. It would only by degrees that it would come to be claimed that not only was this *Credo* (a Latin word which means 'I believe') true—but that nothing else was true; and then, at last, that the Creed must be believed as a means of salvation. And so it has come that those who believe in any particular Creed think that they possess the whole and only truth, and that everybody else is wrong."

"But that seems silly," said Tommy. "They cannot all be right."

"Of course," continued the Leader, "there are many Christians who do not believe that everybody else is entirely wrong—it is only the very

ignorant and narrow-minded in any religion who would think of making such a claim in the present day. But Spiritualists, with this example of what Creeds may lead to, have been wise enough to avoid having one, and to adopt our Principles instead. A Principle is something that everybody can see is true, although we may hold different opinions about it."

The Guardian of Groups had been an interested listener, and now broke in for the first time:

"You mean," he said, "that a Creed tells us what to believe, and also the lesson of what we must believe—a Principle tells us what is or can be believed, and leaves us to find out the lesson or message for ourselves."

"Exactly," said the Leader, "that is the great difference between a Creed (as we now understand it) and a Principle. A CREED ties us down, and a PRINCIPLE sets us free."

There is still time

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Turn to page III of Cover.

OUR LYCEUM GUILD

AIMS. To be progressive, To develop ourselves.

MOTTO: "We Live to Learn and Learn to Live."

Dear Guildites,

Once again I have to report that there are no new members to introduce to you, but I hope it will be the last time that I have to do this. By the time you are reading this it will be dark as soon as tea is over, and then you needs must find occupation for the long evenings. And I know of no better way of spending your time than by attending classes to improve yourselves, either physically or mentally. If you attend Evening School, well and good; if not (and you may have quite good reasons for your decision), why not begin a Guild Class, where you can combine social and mental activities? Perhaps *you* are the very person the Lyceum is waiting for, as the first need is the right kind of person to act as leader. Tact and sympathy are two of the qualities needed by a leader, whilst there must also be some experience in various kinds of handicraft.

Having chosen your leader, the next thing is to choose a night for meeting; and please don't think that you will get a night to suit everybody. You will have to go by the majority. Then draw up your programme for the evening, and see that you alternate physical and mental activities. If you wish for help please write to me, and I will tell you what I have done in the past, and what our few Guild Branches are doing now.

I am convinced that the only way for the Guild to help a Lyceum is by holding weekly meetings, so do get busy and see what you can do in the matter.

If any Guild class invited me to one of their weekly meetings I would do my best to attend.

Finance

The only expenditure again has been postage which amounts to 3s. *od.*, so that the balance in hand now is £9 15 2½.

Guild Invalids

I am pleased to be able to report that Mrs. Grieve is much better. Indeed, she is so much better that she says she is quite sure she can be crossed off the Guild's "Sick List," but not without a word of thanks for all the cards, messages, and thoughts which have really mattered.

Miss Winterbottom is still on the list though, and I do hope you are all writing regularly. Someone has asked me her age so that they might know how to write, and what would be suitable for a present. That is quite a good reason for it would be a mistake if anyone happened to send a box of bricks or a doll; and I am sure she wouldn't object to my saying that she is over twenty-one, but not yet forty. So you who are waiting get busy now you know.

Our Arisen Member

Many of you, on opening this number of the BANNER, would get as great a shock as I did when I went to the B.S.L.U. Office for a Joint Education Meeting on September 17th, and learnt that Mrs. George had been called to the Higher Life. We knew that she was ill, for she had been unable to attend a similar meeting three weeks previously but not one of us thought we were going to lose her in that way. So you can imagine how stunned each of us felt, and it would have been absolutely impossible to have held our meeting. For we remembered how keen she had been on the new scheme, and how she was looking forward to that meeting to work out all the details and go through some of the examination questions. But it was not to be; and so, to her mother and her son we send our loving thoughts and sympathy, and the hope that the knowledge they possess will sustain them at this time.

To Mrs. George herself we send greetings, and the promise that we will do our best to help in carrying on the work she has left. For we cannot fail either her or the others in Spirit Life; and I must do my little bit by seeing that the new scheme is carried through, and you must do yours by either taking the examination yourself, or encouraging others to do so. The help of *each* Lyceumist is needed, and you cannot let the Spirit Folks down. So let this next examination be a record one, if only to show Mrs. George that her work and sacrifice have not been in vain. That this may be so is also the earnest desire of the Guild Leader,

GLADYS HALLIDAY.

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Free School Lane, Halifax.

PEARLS.

Trust is the best of relationships. —*Buddha.*

Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising every time we fall. —*Confucius.*



Secretary—

MRS. RUTH A. FRUIN,
Ruberrondo,
126, Woodlands Road,
Isleworth, Mddx.

This of course is quite a good ideal for those who wish to give large sums, but to those who cannot see much hopes of either taking place it is far better to send a small donation now than delay your good intentions.

The amount received is: Wembley Church £1; Miss Durman, Portsmouth, 1s.

Please note: In sending donations, Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to The British Spiritualist Lyceum Union, cross —& Co. Address to

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RESTORATION FUND.

Now that the holiday season is over and Lyceums are settling down to their winter campaigns, I am hopeful of receiving a better income than that received during the month of August.

The early part of September has not offered much encouragement, but seeing the collecting books are due in after this report goes to press, also the Holiday Snaps, I am unable to give you the full September results.

Up to date my request to churches for a retiring collection has received one generous response.

The Wembley Church Committee thought it better to denote £1.

If only every Church throughout the movement showed this spirit of interest in our work how helpful it would be.

Then for the interest in forwarding the effort I have to thank Mr. Le Noury and the Sheffield Lyceum District Council also to several of my London friends, especially making mention of Miss Pennington who is very prominent with her collecting book. A letter from Mrs. Coe of Coventry to be followed by a donation later are all good signs.

I do need helpers in every district to assist me, for this is a National effort from which the whole movement will gain a benefit.

The Lyceum is the only Youth Movement attached to the Union, it has fallen short of the desire of its pioneers.

It can be restored to its full strength again and helping the Restoration Fund is one of the main ways which will lead to this end.

How many of you have said "If I won a £100 I would do this that or the other" or "Wait until my ship comes home."

It always remains true that if we had been greater, circumstances would have been less strong against us.

—G. Eliot.

Punctuality is the politeness of Kings.

The man who insists on seeing with perfect clearness before he decides, never decides.

Worry is interest paid on trouble before it is due.

—Dean Inge.

Take as a golden rule "I do my best."

—S. C. Hall.

Live as if you were living in the sight of all men.

—Soucea.

The reading of books is the conversing with the wisest men of all ages.

—Barrow.

Do not for one repulse forego thy purpose.

—Shakespeare.

Spiritualists' Joint Education Committee.

B.S.L.U. Section: Lyceumists' Course.

Outline of Scheme and Syllabus.

Grades and Ages.

- Junior Grade from 12 years to 14 years.
- Lower Middle from 14 years to 16 years.
- Upper Middle from 16 years to 18 years.
- Senior Grade 18 years and over.

The Senior Grade examination is agreed upon as the joint S.N.U. and B.S.L.U. examination, and the entrance examination to the S.N.U. section of the scheme.

Handbooks.

The Handbooks for use throughout the four examinations are:—

1. The Oral Grade Primer.
2. The Oral Grade Reader.
3. Handbooks Nos. 1, 2, and 3.
4. 'Advent.'
5. 'Summaries and Glossaries.'
6. The Lyceum Manual.
7. 'Essays on Reasoning.'

SYLLABUS.

1. JUNIOR. Books for Study.

- (1) Oral Grade Primer.
- (2) Oral Grade Reader.

Duration of Examination 1 hour, 30 minutes.

(1st portion) A 50 question Intelligence test paper from Handbooks, 30 minutes.

Interval—15 minutes.

(2nd portion) A story from the Handbooks to be re-told in candidate's own words. (Choice allowed from two on question paper.)

2. LOWER MIDDLE. Books for Study.

- (1) No. 1. Handbook.
- (2) Lyceum Manual, except G.C.R.'s.
- (3) 'Advent.' Chapters 1 to 10 inclusive.
- (4) 'Summaries and Glossaries.'

Duration of Examination 2 hours.

(1st portion) A 50 question Intelligence test paper from the Handbooks. 30 minutes.

Interval—15 minutes.

(2nd portion) (a) Written Essay from 'Manual.'
(b) Written Essay from Handbooks.

A choice of two questions will be given in both (a) and (b). One from each to be answered.

3. UPPER MIDDLE. Books for Study.

- (1) No. 2 Handbook.
- (2) Lyceum Manual (all sections).
- (3) 'Advent.' All chapters.
- (4) 'Summaries and Glossaries.'

Duration of examination 2 hours.

(1st portion) A 50 question Intelligence test paper from the Handbooks. 30 minutes.

Interval—15 minutes.

(2nd portion) (a) Written essay or question from 'Manual'.
(b) Written essay or question from Handbooks.

A choice of questions given as in Lower Middle examination.

4. SENIOR GRADE. Books for Study.

- (1) Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Handbooks.
- (2) Lyceum Manual.
- (3) 'Advent.'
- (4) 'Essays on Reasoning.'
- (5) 'Summaries and Glossaries.'

Duration of examination 2 hours.

(1st portion) A 50 question Intelligence test paper from the Handbooks. 30 minutes.

Interval—15 minutes.

(2nd portion) Two essays or questions from the list of books. Division and choice of questions as in Lower and Upper Middle examinations.

Standard of marking all Grades:

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| Distinction | | | 90 to 100 per cent. |
| Honours | | | 80 to 89 " " |
| First Class | | | 70 to 79 " " |
| Second Class | | | 60 to 69 " " |
| Third Class | | | 50 to 59 " " |
| Failure | | | Less than 50 " |

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MOVING IN.

DURING the past few years many thousands of new houses have been erected in and around nearly every town throughout the country. This has caused a continual removal of families from one district to another. Such removals have often robbed our Lyceums of members, while others have benefited.

When a family have to move to a new district it is surprising the many perplexing questions which need solving.

The charge of rent, rates, gas, electricity, water. The choice of suitable educational facilities for the children and such-like matter. One thing, however, is made easy, that is the matter of selecting new tradesmen for they do not wait for you to go to them, they come to you. Your first meal is practically provided for you free of charge. The baker leaves a loaf. The dairyman, milk and cream. The butcher has a joint ready for your selection, while other tradesmen almost fall over each other in order to greet you and obtain your order.

In due time the Vicar or curate of the parish do their duties by paying you a call, while certain free churches wait for your transfer papers to come through.

There is still one perplexing question facing the Spiritualist, that is as to the nearest Church and Lyceum, for it is seldom that their representatives are found to be as enterprising as local tradesmen.

Surely here is a point worth consideration, for why should we not be just as keen in getting the membership of new residents as tradesmen are in getting orders.

Calling and leaving a LYCEUM BANNER together

with a handbill giving details of your services, added to by a personal invitation might do much to increase our membership.

It just means forming a look out band who would make a point of watching your district for new arrivals.

In addition to this, Lyceumists removing from one district to another would be well advised to write to the Union Offices for the address of the nearest Lyceum.

The Lyceum Movement is a great fellowship and you should never allow your membership to be discontinued.

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Service to others was the keynote of her life and even to within a few days of her passing she was enthusiastically planning her future activities in our Cause, taxing her physical strength and spending her mental energy for our good.

Her pathway in life was not always a sun-lit one, yet she always showed a bright face to the world and by her constant cheeriness and sympathy helped others to the realisation that 'life is worth the living.'

In the flesh she is no longer with us and only those who knew her best, as colleague, as friend or as companion, know how greatly her presence will be missed.

In her new sphere of usefulness we know her anxiety for the future welfare of our Movement will prompt her to endeavour to co-operate with and inspire those who remain to carry on the work she loved.

We can only pray we may be found worthy recipients of that co-operation and inspiration.

Whilst lamenting our own loss we must not forget those whose loss is greater than ours and our loving thoughts and deepest sympathy go out to her son Frank and her mother, Mrs. E. O'Keef.

We grow like what we admire; but we become one with what we love. —K. Trevelyhan.

Put away bitterness of speech, abstain from harsh language; whatever word is human, pleasant to the ear, lovely, reaching to the heart, urbane, pleasing and beloved of the people—such are the words to speak. —Buddha.

Happiness is not the object of life, but is the reward for obeying the Divine urge and impulse. —W.W.O.

Faithfulness in little things is a very great thing. —St. Gregory.

TRANSITION OF MRS. LILLIE GEORGE, B.S.L.U.

Vice-President and Education Secretary.

It is with deep regret we have to report the passing to fuller life of the Union's Vice-President, Mrs. Lillie George, of Liverpool, on Friday, Sept. 16th, 1938.

For some months Mrs. George had been suffering from chest trouble and its consequent weakness, but until three weeks prior to her passing was able to keep going and attend to her many duties in connection with Lyceum and Spiritualist work.

She was unable to attend the meetings of the J.E.C. and Education Committee on August 27th last, but rallied again and was able, though with great difficulty, to be present at the meeting of the S.W. Lancs. group of Churches on Saturday, Sept. 10th.

On Wednesday, Sept. 14th, a severe attack of congestion of the lungs and bronchitis caused a complete collapse and after nearly 48 hours of hard struggle she passed to rest.

The funeral services in the home and at the graveside were conducted by the B.S.L.U. President, Mr. J. Slimin.

There were present, in addition to the mother, son and family friends, Mr. E. A. Keeling, representing the S.N.U. Ltd., Mr. Barnett and Mrs. E. Guy, of the Manchester and Salford L.D.C., Mrs.

Raymond, Mrs. Keeling and other friends of Daulby Lyceum, Mrs. Pickles, Lancashire Area Representative of the S.N.U. and a large number of friends from Daulby Church and Lyceum and from Lyceums and Churches in the Liverpool district.

Floral tokens, numerous and beautiful, included wreaths from: The B.S.L.U. M.C. and colleagues, Liverpool L.D.C., Daulby Lyceumists, Daulby N.S.C., Warrington Lyceum, and the South-West Lancs. Church group.

An 'appreciation' of Mrs. George and her work will be found on the front page of this issue of the BANNER.

We are asked by Mrs. E. O'Keef and Master Frank George to express their sincere thanks to all Lyceumist and Church friends for the many tokens and letters of condolence on the passing into spirit of their loved one, Mrs. Lillie George.

So numerous are these expressions of cheer and comfort that it is impossible to reply to each individually. Friends are asked to accept this assurance of deep and sincere appreciation.

J.S.

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UNDER THE CRUSADING BANNERS.

Appointment.

Kt. Ensign Pinder is appointed to the rank of Squadron Leader and posted to the command of 32nd Crusading Squadron, Sherwood Street, Nottingham. We wish him every success on his promotion and I feel confident that the 32nd will benefit very much indeed from Squadron Leader Pinders' experience as a Crusading Officer.

Essay Competition Result.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Squadron Leader Drennan, Officer Commanding 79th Crusading Squadron, Hetton-le-Hole is the winner of the essay competition, the subject of which was "Peace, Nationally and Internationally, and how you would obtain it. Squadron Leader Drennan's essay revealed the depth of his understanding of the ideals and teachings of the Crusade; and its application to everyday affairs, and is to be commended for his effort. The standard of the essays, on the whole was very good, though quite a number wandered from the subject and introduced political matter which was not what was wanted. The award will be made by the commanding officer of "E" Cohort, Kt. Adjutant A. H. Colbourne, at an early date.

Officer Compendiums.

I have noticed during a series of visits to quite a large number of Squadrons, that officers do not make the fullest use of matter in the Compendiums and in some cases probably have not read them at all. I would most strongly recommend that all officers should make themselves most thoroughly conversant with the training of Crusading Squadrons as suggested in the Compendiums, otherwise the advantage of a Crusader training becomes nullified and any label might equally be applied to the Squadron as that of Knight Crusaders. If you, as a Crusading Officer, are not in possession of one of these compendiums, you may obtain them from H.Q. on receipt of 4½d. in stamps, threepence for the compendium and postage.

Training of Crusading Officers.

As announced last month, full literature is now available for all wishing to qualify as Crusading Officers, and this will be sent post free on application.

I am very pleased to be able to introduce something new into this Crusading Page of ours, a jolly

fine poem written by a young Crusader of 3rd Squadron, Croydon, Pat Parry. Though only 13 years of age, she possesses considerable artistic and literary talent as will be seen from her effort. Some little time ago, she effected a sketch in pencil, which she called an inspirational picture of the Crusade, and when her Squadron Leader sent it to me as a matter of interest, I was amazed to find that apart from one or two small details, it corresponded with a Spirit Painting in my possession which was given to me when I was named, depicting the Crusade. Crusader Pat Parry certainly had never seen this, and I doubt whether many people other than intimate friends have seen it. Good luck to your gifted talent, Pat, and I hope to see some more of your work.

F. C. PETZ,
Knight-Commander.

THE KNIGHT CRUSADERS.

Long years ago in the days of old,
When knights in armour fought
To try to gain the Holy Land,
By sword their peace they sought.

They were Crusaders fighting for
A glorious heavenly right,
And now Crusaders start again,
But theirs is a different fight.

No quarrelling amongst themselves,
Strong hearts joined all in one,
One leader leading on and on
The fray that's just begun.

All eyes fixed on one glorious aim,
All minds are strong and true,
With thoughtful actions, one and all
Their onward way pursue.

All rising like one heaving wave,
Against the strength of wrong,
Crushing might neath their eager feet,
Singing their conquering song.

People are drawn from every side
Towards this earnest band,
And when the world has joined the fray,
Peace will rule each land.

With light of glory in their eyes
And flame of freedom in their mind,
The learning of eternity
One hundred million hearts will bind.

P. PARRY.

HOLY PLACES IN JERUSALEM

Which of the many lovely Bible stories do you like best? Whether it be of Jesus, King Solomon, King David or Paul, Jerusalem was the scene of many of their experiences. It is the most historic city in the world, and we were going to visit the most historic spot in that city.

We went down the narrow winding streets crowded with people—Arabs and Jews of the town, Orthodox Jews in flowing gowns and faces framed with greasy curls, strange looking priests in robes, with long hair hanging on their shoulders or wound up in a bunch at the back of their heads, and, as we wandered along we tried to recall some of the stories we had read. I peeped into a yard where workmen were excavating houses built in the times of The Crusades, and I remembered stories of Richard Coeur de Lion and Saladin. I wondered if Hubert de Walter, one time Vicar of Halifax, and who was sent home from the Crusades to raise money for the ransom of King Richard, had ever seen those houses.

We were going to see the place which was holy to Christians, Jews and Moslems—the Dome of the Rock—built on the site of Solomon's and Herod's Temples. The twisting, narrow lane down which we went was lined with beggars holding out their hands for alms. I was told they reaped a good harvest from the crowds of visitors which constantly visit the holy places. The lane ended in a paved courtyard, and the strangest sight met our eyes. On one side of the courtyard rose a tremendously high wall composed of huge blocks of brownish stone, from the cracks of which grew tufts of grass and plants. This was The Wailing Wall—the only fragment of the Temple of Herod which the soldiers of Titus did not destroy during the siege of Jerusalem.

Standing there, a feeling of shame crept over me that I should witness in curiosity the sorrow of the Orthodox Jews, who wailed and mourned prayers for the departed glories of Israel. The wailers were mostly old men and women whose lives were bound up in their religion. They uttered their prayers aloud, rocking their bodies to and fro. So fiercely do they guard their rights at The Wall, that, only eight days after we stood there, terrible rioting broke out at the Wailing Wall which resulted in the death of many Arabs and Jews.

The custom of wailing at the Wall of Herod's Temple is very ancient. The Roman Emperor Hadrian forbade the Jews to come within sight of the city, but Constantine allowed them to weep on the Dome of the Rock once a year. In the 12th century the present Wailing Wall was allotted to them as a place of prayer.

Standing at the entrance to a vast courtyard, we saw broad flights of steps leading up to the Dome of the Rock, which stands on a raised platform about twelve feet above the level of the courtyards around. Beautiful archways and buildings are to be seen in the courtyards, and on the east is the walled-up Golden Gate.

In the year 637 A.D. the Caliph Omar occupied Jerusalem, and one of his first acts was to order a mosque to be erected on the site from which the Prophet Mahomet was miraculously translated to heaven. His mosque was destroyed and the present building was erected in 691 A.D.

At the entrance we were requested to slip our feet into huge felt slippers for no foot must defile a Mohammedan mosque. We gazed round the beautiful eight-sided building, wonderfully decorated with Arabic art. In the centre, railed off from the carpeted space where we stood, rose a bare rock some 4 feet 9 inches above the floor level. That was the rock, Mount Moriah, on which Abraham was about to slaughter his son Isaac when he heard a voice bidding him refrain. On the same spot David built an altar to the Lord after his sin of taking a census of the people of Israel. Around this rock Solomon built his temple.

There are many legends about this rock. From it Mahomet was said to have mounted to heaven, and, as the rock moved to follow him, the angel Gabriel placed his finger upon it to stay its flight. The marks of his finger and of the horse's hoof are shown to visitors. It is the Rock of Paradise, and it stands on palm trees, beneath which Asia, the wife of Pharaoh—the most beautiful woman in the world—and Miriam, the sister of Moses, shall stand on Judgment Day to give drink to "true believers."

Whilst we were listening to these and other most interesting stories, I saw two Arab women enter, carrying their shoes. They went to the railing round the Rock, and put their hands into a hole between the rails. They then reverently kissed their hands. I enquired the meaning of this act and was told that the recess contained a gold box in which were two hairs of the Prophet's beard, and very blessed were those privileged to touch the box.

We left this marvellously beautiful building, and, discarding our slippers, walked to another one, a miniature Dome, standing close by. This was the Dome of the Chain, so called from the legendary belief that the site was a place of judgment in the time of Solomon. Here verdicts were given by the help of a miraculous chain.

As legend has it, a chain was once suspended

from heaven over this spot, and it was the custom to appeal to this chain in cases of conflicting evidence. Each victim was made to grasp the chain in turn. If he succeeded in holding it his truthfulness was proved, if the chain eluded his grasp he was a liar.

Here is a story about the chain. A Jew once owed an Arab Moslem a sum of money which he refused to pay, saying the debt was paid. The Moslem hauled the Jew to the chain, grasped it and swore the debt was unpaid. The Jew held out his stick to the Arab saying, "Hold my stick whilst I swear" (he had hidden the price of the debt in his hollow stick). He then took the chain and swore the debt was paid. The chain rose into the air, and, whilst the Arab gazed at it, the Jew recovered his stick and departed.

WISHES.

A Lake and a fairy boat
To sail in the moonlight clear,
And merrily we would float
From the dragons that watch us here!

Thy gown should be snow-white silk,
And strings of beautiful pearls,
Like gossamers dipped in milk,
Should twine in thy raven curls.

Red rubies should deck thy hands,
And diamonds should be thy dower—
But Fairies have broken their wands,
And wishing has lost its power.

—Hood.

THE ARROW AND THE SONG.

I shot an arrow into the air,
It fell to earth, I knew not where;
For, so swiftly it flew, the sight
Could not follow it in its flight.

I breathed a song into the air,
It fell to earth, I knew not where;
For who has sight so keen and strong,
That it can follow the flight of song?

Long, long afterward, in an oak,
I found the arrow, still unbroke;
And the song, from beginning to end,
I found again in the heart of a friend.

—Longfellow.

LAUGHING SONG.

When the green woods laugh with the voice of joy,
And the dimpling stream runs laughing by;
When the air does laugh with our merry wit,
And the green hill laughs with the noise of it;

When the meadows laugh with lively green,
And the grasshopper laughs in the merry scene;
When Mary and Susan and Emily
With their sweet round mouths sing "Ha ha he!"

When the painted birds laugh in the shade,
When our table with cherries and nuts is spread;
Come, live, and be merry, and join with me,
To sing the sweet chorus of "Ha ha he!"

—Blake.

Act well at the moment and you have done a
good action to all eternity.

—Lavater.

Life does not consist merely in breathing, but
in action.

—Rousseau.

Labour is preferable to idleness as brightness to
rust.

—Plato.

There is no impossibility to him who stands
prepared to conquer every hazard.

—Mrs. Hale.

Let the great book of the world be your principal
study.

—Chesterfield.

Life is a short day, but it is a working day.

—Hannah More.

CHILDREN'S PAGE.

LAUGH AND GROW FAT.

The Finishing Touch.

"Daddy," exclaimed the little boy.
 "One more question then," sighed the tired father. "Only one."
 "How far is it," inquired the little one, "between 'to and fro'?"

Exclusive.

Sunday School Teacher: "All those who would like to go to heaven, please put up their hands."
 Tommy was the only one who did not raise his hand.
 "Why, Tommy," exclaimed the teacher, "wouldn't you like to go to heaven?"
 "Naw," said Willie, "not if that bunch is going."

The Verdict.

A visitor recently had the misfortune to be killed by a train near a small country village in which he was staying. An inquest was duly held in the local school, and the coroner, wishing to help the jury, which was made up of villagers, advised them to bring in a verdict of "felo de se."
 Having retired to consider their verdict, an argument arose among the jurors as to what the coroner meant, and it fell to the foreman to solve the problem.
 "This coroner bloke," he explained, "knows what he's a-talking about—he's had these jobs before. So if he says the chap fell in the sea, he fell in the sea."
 A few minutes later the jury filed back into court, and the foreman announced the verdict: "found drowned."

Quite.

Says a writer: "Tailors are generally long-lived." This sounds like the survival of the fitter.
 Big Game Hunter; "I was in the middle of the jungle when suddenly a whole tribe of savages came charging down upon me."
 Friend: "And what did you do?"
 Big Game Hunter: "Held my breath until I was black in the face, and they took me for one of themselves."

Just as safe.

The old lady was very much afraid of passing her destination. Leaning forward she poked the

bus conductor in the ribs with her umbrella.
 "Is that the Bank of England, my good man?"
 "No, ma'am," the conductor replied hastily, "that's me."

RIDDLES.

What goes from London to Brighton without moving? The railway line, of course.
 What most resembles half a cheese? The other half.
 What man can always make you raise your hat? Your barber.
 Why is 'H' the cleanest letter? Because it is always in the middle of washing.
 When is a naughty boy like a postage stamp? When he is licked and put in a corner.
 With what can you fill a box, and yet make it lighter? Holes.
 How many insects make a landlord? Ten-ants.
 What is the right side of a cake? The side that is eaten, for the other is left.
 On what sort of tree do pineapples grow? They don't—they grow in the ground.

SCHOOLBOY HOWLERS.

A red Indian's wife is called his squaw, and his children squawkers.
 It is 45 miles to Brighton as the cock crows.
 A refugee keeps order at a football match.
 Oxo is the capital of Norway.
 People go about Venice in gorgonzolas.
 The population of London is a bit too thick.

There once was a young man of Coon,
 Who wished he could go to the moon;
 A bull came behind him,
 And now they can't find him—
 They think he got there pretty soon.

There was a great swell in Yucatan,
 Whose name on a Tuesday began,
 It lasted through Sunday,
 Till twilight on Monday,
 And sounded like stones in a pan.

There was a young sprinter called Mac,
 Who piled up the miles on the track,
 He ran to and fro,
 With such splendid go,
 That he met his own self coming back.

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AT DARLINGTON

A Special Mass Lyceum Session

will be held in the
CO-OPERATIVE HALL,
PRIESTGATE, DARLINGTON

On SUNDAY, OCT. 9th, 1938
at 2-30 p m.

Conductor: Mr. J. SLIMIN,
President, B. S. L. U.

PROPAGANDA MEETING

At 6-30 p.m. to be addressed by
OFFICERS AND MEMBERS of the
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Visitors Welcome. - Hymn Sheets Provided. - Silver Collection.

AN APPEAL.

FIRST SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C., CANADA.

Dear Co-workers,

Owing to the new zoning by-law of this city, we shall be compelled to vacate the building we now hold our services in, therefore we need to build a church of our own. We are appealing to you who have received the knowledge, comfort and assurance that Spiritualism is a necessity. Donations of any amount to ensure us to carry on with the advancement of Spiritualism in this district will be appreciated. The committee will prepare an honor roll of all subscribers and we know that you and your friends will want your names inscribed with those who have helped such a worthy cause.

Thanking you for your generous consideration of this humble appeal.

Yours truly,

THE COMMITTEE.

P.S.—Donations thankfully received will be acknowledged by the Hon. Sec.: K. M. Daniels, 90 Sixth St., New Westminster.

Bankers: Royal Bank of Canada, a/c No. 1239, New Westminster.

BIRTH.

SHAW —To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shaw (née Eva Lloyd), of 11, Sandheys Grove, Waterloo, Liverpool, on Sept. 19th, a son. Both well.

THE CALL.

By H. ANDERTON.

There's a growing, rumbling call,
That the Lyceum's failed us all.
That the dream our founder saw
Has been left to fade away.
While loose terror rots our core,
While the storm waves lash the shore.

Brothers, can't you see his face,
He who set us such a pace;
Can't you hear his voice reproach,
Don't you hear him now and then,
Calling to us from above,
Calling yet, with words of love.

Rouse your passion, stir your soul,
Ye who wait to play your role.
Sound your voices loud and clear,
Let his fire light up our bier.
Face a black'ning sky with scorn,
Labour for a better morn.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS.

Coventry and District.

Council Meeting held at Cox St. Church Aug. 20th.

Minutes of last meeting be accepted. Correspondence be passed as read. A United Social Evening is to be held at Nuneaton Church on Oct. 8th at 7-30 p.m. Nuneaton Lyceumists were preparing a Sketch and other items and Cox St. and we hope a happy time will be spent together and the funds will benefit.

Mr. Parfrey had visited Nuneaton Lyceum, also Rugby, and spoke of Cox St. who were still keeping the flag flying; he was sorry to say Rugby Lyceum had closed down.

Re letter from Mrs. Fruin (Auntie Ruth) about Restoration Fund we decided to sell as many tickets as we can and hope we are lucky. Tea was provided by Cox St. Lyceumists.

Next meeting November 19th, Cox St. Church, 3-30 p.m.

MR. E. COE, *Secretary.*

North East Lancashire District.

Mr. J. Railton presided at the Half-yearly meeting on Aug. 27th at Lancaster (Market St.) Lyceum. Messrs. Wood and Blackburn were appointed Credential Officers.

The minutes of the quarterly meeting were accepted and confirmed, as also was the correspondence.

In his presidential address, Mr. Railton dealt with his Conference impressions, the B.S.L.U. Associate Scheme, the re-opening of Burnley (North St.) Lyceum; conductor's classes, and the introduction of modern methods into Lyceum work. The address received a good discussion, especially on the national affairs.

Reports were received from: (a) the Secretary, who thanked Lyceumists for their help; (b) the Treasurer, whose accounts, because of a deficit on the Sports Day, showed only a balance of 4s. 4d. The donation to the B.S.L.U. Conference collection was endorsed by the meeting; (c) The D.V.'s reported on Fleetwood and (Spen Lane) Blackpool Lyceums; (e) The Credential Report showed E.C. 4; 14 delegates representing 8 Lyceums, 2 Fraternal delegates and 1 Accredited visitor—giving a total of 21 present, and a pool of 7s. 7d. per Lyceum; (f) Mr. Railton reported on the Manchester and Salford L.D.C. meeting, and Mrs. Skeels and Mr. Holden reported on the N.E. Lancs. D. Group meeting; (g) Mrs. Grieve supported by Mr. Railton gave the Conference report. This aroused interesting discussion on the financial position of the B.S.L.U., the BANNER and

changes in the Education Scheme. The E.C. were authorised to consider the salient points in the report and circulate their findings to the District. All reports were adopted.

Items of other business included (1) a decision to limit the cost of teas to 1s. 3d. per head; (2) a reminder that printed forms certifying attendance at Lyceums by visiting Lyceumists are available from the Gen. Secretary, and (3) an interesting discussion on how Churches can best encourage Lyceumists into Church membership. This matter is to be brought to the notice of the N.E. Lancs. Dist. Group.

Mr. Ray voiced the greetings of Manchester and Salford L.D.C. These were cordially reciprocated.

Lancaster friends were warmly thanked for their welcome and hospitality.

The next meeting of the Council is arranged for Nov. 26th at Fleetwood. The meeting closed at 7 p.m.

M. E. GRIEVE, *Hon. Sec.*

SPECIAL REPORT.

London District.

The London Lyceum District Council's Annual Demonstration, held at Battersea Town Hall on Sept. 18th, should have certainly removed all doubt as to whether spiritualism had a message for youth.

Members from twenty Lyceums displaying badge and banners entered into the spirit of the session with such keenness that the large crowd of visitors were amazed. Readings and explanations by young people were appreciated.

Miss Childs and Miss Bolton presented thirty-eight Silver Medals in addition to two special prizes for the Silver Medal Elocution and Singing Competition. The winners were greeted with applause as were the efforts of seven of the junior medalists.

Marching and callisthenics conducted by Mrs. Dix with Mr. Pearson at the piano formed a pleasing part of the Sessions programme.

Tottenham High Road Lyceum received from the hand of Mr. Ashley the efficiency Shield and were freely congratulated. Short addresses given by Mr. Stewart, Vice-President S.N.U., Mr. Barbanell, Mr. Raffil, Knight Commander Petz, Mrs. Barnard and Mr. Forsyth in which congratulations and good wishes were extended to the Council and Lyceums.

Mr. Fruin, President, suitably responded.

The news that several London Churches are considering opening Lyceums in the near future is a hopeful sign for further progress in this area,

S. P. L. LOG.

BY THE RECORDER.

DO YOU KNOW the object of this page is to record Lyceum events, special services, statements made by workers concerning our Movement and all points of interest which should prove an aid to let Lyceumists know what other sections are doing.

LYCEUM REPORTS without which this page cannot become interesting and useful, should be sent to The Secretary, 41 John Dalton Street, Manchester, as soon as your event has taken place, noting that the 18th of each month is the latest date for recording in the next issue of this magazine. Secretaries are requested to make a habit of recording events.

LAST MONTH with the exception of meetings attended by the Recorder, only three reports were received. If these were the only meetings of interest taking place throughout the Movement surely "There must be something wrong."

HOPE was the spirit name given to Brian Philip Shillits by Mrs. Heaton at the naming service at Brunswick Place Lyceum, Leeds. A Service of Song "Summerland" was rendered by Lyceumists in the evening.

A.R.P.—"Army Reports Progress" in Educational Scheme and other activities. We congratulate them.

MISS DAISY HARDY (Sister-in-law of Knight Adjutant Colbourne) who was a well known spiritualist and Lyceumist has been called to the higher life. The internment Service was conducted by Mrs. Blanche Petz, several Lyceumists attending. Our sympathy is extended to those who mourn the loss of the physical, while we extend loving thoughts to our arisen sister.

NAMING SERVICE of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lightbourn was conducted by Mr. H. Hopper, Vice-President of Blackburn Church. We wish ANN long life and happiness.

"CASTLES IN THE AIR." A service of song was rendered by the Croydon Lyceumists under the Conductorship of Mr. Hardwick. Such services make a diversion from the usual sessions, attracting outside members which should prove an aid to recruiting new members.

BRAMALL LANE, SHEFFIELD, has experienced pleasing and sad events during the past

few months. The passing of Mr. Thrall, Lyceumist, Trustee and Church Member. The naming of Kathleen May the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horner, the spirit name being "Peace." The marriage of Miss R. Thrall and Mr. A. Wallace. We join with them in their joys and sorrows.

MR. ENGHOLM, the prominent speaker who was associated with the Vale Owen scripts, gave full expression to his opinions concerning the Lyceum Movement in a recent address. He advocated the Lyceum as the best training ground for future spiritualists.

QUESTIONS proved of value at a special session of the Wembley Lyceum, many expressions of thought being exchanged on the last verse of M.R. 230.

Mrs. EVERETT (Miss Scroggins), one of the finest transfiguration mediums in the movement, stated at the close of a recent seance that she owed everything to Lyceum training. It had given her the confidence for the public work she was doing to-day.

GOOD SIGNS come from Tolworth, Surrey; Rayleigh, Essex; Enfield, Middx., and Battersea, London. All these centres are hoping to open new Lyceums in the near future.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT held by the London Lyceum District Council—Miss Janet Franklin, Peckham and Miss Joyce Capper, Stratford, being the winners.

CONGRATULATIONS to Tottenham High Road Lyceum upon winning the Efficiency Shield. Croydon, the previous holders, came second with Kingston Hill third.

In Memoriam.

ENTWISTLE.—Sweet thoughts of my dear Mother who passed to the Higher Life, Sept. 9th, 1934.
Sweet is the Name of Mother Dear.
From her Loving daughter—Gladys.

MANCHESTER CENTRAL PROGRESSIVE LYCEUM.

INAUGURATION SESSIONS

Sunday, Oct. 23rd, 1938 at 6-30 p.m.

Members of B.S.L.U. and M. & S.L.D.C.
Committees will be present.

Conductor: MR. J. SLIMIN, President B.S.L.U.

A Cordial Welcome to All.